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1. MORE SECRET 1970-71 AIR ATTACKS IN CAMBODIA
AND CLANDESTINE GROUND FORAYS IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA.
FINNEY (NYT) REPORTS WHITE PAPER, SUBMITTED TO
SASC, ACKNOWLEDGES US TACAIR SUPPORTED CAMBODIAN
GOVT WITH 3634 SORTIES THAT WERE KEPT SECRET BY
DUAL REPORTING SYSTEM DEVISED BY FIELD COMMANDERS
WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OR APPROVAL OF PENTAGON. ADMIN.
AT THAT TIME ANNOUNCED TACAIR STRIKES WERE ON NVA
TROOPS AND SUPPLIES TRANSITING CAMBODIA TO SVN.
FOLLOWING US 1970 WITHDRAWAL FROM CAMBODIA, ADMIN.
GAVE IMPRESSION THAT AIR STRIKES BEING LIMITED
TO INTERDICTION OF NVA SUPPLY ROUTES IN NE CAMBODIA
AREA, DUBBED OPERATION "FREEDOM DEAL"; PRES. IN
JUNE 30, 1970 SPEECH SAID US WITH CAMBODIAN PERMISSION
WOULD CONDUCT AIR OPS AGAINST ENEMY INFILTRATION
ROUTES AND BASE AREAS TO PROTECT AMERICANS IN SVN.
BUT WHITE PAPER DISCLOSES "SPECIAL AUTHORITY" GRANTED
BY "APPROPRIATE CIVILIAN OFFICIALS" TO EMPLOY USAF
OUTSIDE OF FREEDOM DEAL AREA TO INTERDICT SUPPLY
LINES AND CACHES ON TRAILS AND RIVERS, PARTICULARLY
WHEN SITUATION THREATENED MAJOR CAMBODIAN POSITION;
SPECIAL COMMO CHANNELS NEEDED TO REPORT, BUT FIELD
UNITS LACKED REQUIRED EQUIPMENT SO WORKED OUT SYSTEM
TO REPORT STRIKES IN OTHER PARTS OF CAMBODIA AS OCCURRING
IN FREEDOM DEAL AREA. WHITE PAPER ALSO DEFENDS EARLIER
DISCLOSED DUAL REPORTING OF B-52 STRIKES AS NECESSARY
IN VIEW OF SENSITIVE POLITICAL CLIMATE AT TIME,
ASSERTS OFFICIALS WITH "NEED TO KNOW" INFORMED;
AND REVEALS MANY SPECIAL FORCES PATROLS INTO LAOS
IN 1970 DESPITE 1969 CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTION.
(THIS POINT ALSO STRESSED BY AP (SUN)). SEN. HUGHES
SAYS LATTER RAISES SERIOUS QUESTION OF WHETHER
LAW OBSERVED; PENTAGON SPOKESMAN STATES TROOPS
WERE FOR RECONNAISSANCE RATHER THAN COMBAT SO LAW
NOT VIOLATED. GETLER (WP) INCLUDES DETAILS OF
CLANDESTINE GROUND OPS IN LAOS BETWEEN SEPT. 1965
AND FEB. 1971, AND IN CAMBODIA BETWEEN MAY 1967
AND JUNE 30, 1970. LAOS FORAYS MADE BY 1446 RECON
TEAMS (USUALLY INCLUDING 3 US SOLDIERS EACH ACCOMPANYING
ARVN), 203 PLATOON- SIZED OPS (USUALLY 5 TO 6 US)
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AND 3 MULTI-PLATOON UNITS (20 TO 22 US EACH); 441
OF TOTAL MADE IN 1970 AFTER CONGRESS PASSED BAN
ON USE OF US COMBAT TROOPS IN LAOS. IN CAMBODIA
AMERICANS INVOLVED IN 1119 RECON TEAMS, 9 PLATOON-
SIZED AND 1 MULTI-PLATOON. AIR SUPPORT WAS 900U
HELICOPTER AND FIGHTER FLIGHTS INTO LAOS AND 4900
INDO CAMBODIA. SCHMIDT (CSM) CITES REPORTS THAT
FALSE INFO FED TO COMPUTORS TO ESTABLISH SPARE-

PARTS REQUIRENTSBASED ON MILEAGE FL WN WAS RELAYED TO CONGRESSTHROUGH APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS INFORMED OF TRUTH THROUGHOUT, AND NECESSITY TO MINIMIZE LIKELIHOOD OF PUBLIC SPECULATION OR DIS-CLOSURE WAS ESTABLISHED WITHIN NSC. CHITRIB (UPI) SAYS WHITE PAPER LISTS 245 MORE B-52 STRIKES THAN PREVIOUSLY ADMITTED, AND COMMENTS REPORT DID NOT INCLUDE COPIES OF ORDERS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY SASC, WITHOUT OFFERING EXPLANATION FOR OMISSION.

2. FANK COUNTERATTACKS AT KOMPONG CHAM. BROWNE (NYT) REPORTS GKR TROOPS MADE AMPHIBIOUS LANDING BEHIND ENEMY LINES EARLY SEPT. 10 AND CLAIM TO HAVE SWEPT KI FROM LARGE AREA OF SOUTH HALF OF CITY AGAINST LIGHT OPPOSITION, WHILE OTHER GKR TROOPS MOVE DOWN FROM NORTHERN PART OF CITY IN ATTEMPT TO TRAP REBELS; BOTH SIDES BRING IN REINFORCEMENTS AS FANK PUSHES OUT ITS DEFENSE PERIMETER. AP (CHITRIB, SUN, NYDN, WP) ADDS KHMER SPOKESMAN'S CLAIM THAT FANK SCORED MANY SUCCESSES AND RETOOK MUCH OF KOMPONG CHAM THOUGH KI STILL HOLD HOSPITAL; KAF BOMBS KI TRUCKS MOVING TOWARD CITY; REBEL PRESSURE ON CITY GREATEST FROM NW AND SW; CASUALTY REPORTS NOT AVAILABLE, BOTH SIDES TIRED. GKR CONSIDERS SITUATION STILL "VERY CRITICAL" THOUGH BETTER THAN THREE DAYS AGO. PHINQ REPORTS KAF POUNDS KOMPONG CHAM UNIVERSITY GROUNDS TO DISLODGE ENEMY, AND HELICOPTERS BEGIN TO EVACUATE REFUGEES AS WELL AS WOUNDED.

3. FANK PUSH TO OPEN ROUTE 4 FAILS AS SOLDIERS DRIVEN BACK BY ROCKET FIRE FROM WELL-CONCEALED KI BUNKERS 16 MI FROM PP; ROAD REMAINS CUT AT TWO POINTS SW OF PP. ROUTE 5 REMAINS CUT 40 MI N OF PP (BROWNE, UNCLASSIFIED

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NYT; PHINQ; AP SUN, WP, CHITRIB). FANK CLAIMS 8 KI KILLED AND WEAPONS CAPTURED IN AMBUSH ON ROUTE 3, 13 MI SW OF PP (AP WP, SUN). NEW TROUBLE SPOT MAY BE DEVELOPING AS KI DESTROY BRIGES ON ROAD TO TWO ISOLATED FANK OUTPOSTS 10 MI NE OF PP (PHINQ).

4. NVA/VC AND KI FORCES, SUPPOSEDLY ALLIES, REPORTEDLY CLASHED AT LEAST A DOZEN TIMES IN LAST MONTH WITH AT LEAST 200 DEATHS; TROUBLE STARTED IN JUNE WHEN NVA/VC COMMANDERING OF SCARCE RICE SUPPLIES AWAKENED TRADITIONAL VN-KHMER HOSTILITY AND KI ORDERED NVA/VC OUT OF TWO SOUTH CAMBODIAN PROVINCES; HIGH OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES TRYING WITHOUT SUCCESS TO HALT FIGHTING (UPI; PHINQ).

5. IN RESPONSE TO GKR REQUEST, RTG ANNOUNCES IT WILL SEND 25,000 TONS OF RICE AND PROVIDE TRAINING FOR FANK (AP WP).

6. BAO DAI, IN FRENCH EXILE SINCE 1955, REPORTED BY ONE OF HIS EX-MINISTERS TO BE PLANNING TO RETURN TO VN NEXT MONTH; SPECULATION EXISTS HE MAY SEEK PLACE ON NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD (CSM).

7. SOUVANNA PHOUMA WILL MAKE RENEWED EFFORT THIS WEEK TO GET CABINET APPROVAL FOR SIGNING OF PROTOCOL TO SET UP COALITION GOVERNMENT (RADIO AND WIRE SERVICES REPORT SOUVANNA STATEMENT THAT SIGNING WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE WEEKEND.) (AP CSM).

CHINA

8. POMPIDOU EN ROUTE TO PEKING FOR WEEK-LONG VISIT AND WORLD POLICY TALKS (UPI, CHITRIB). NYT PARIS

ALSO SAYS SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS DURING POMPIDOU VISIT APPEAR UNLIKELY, EXCEPT ON MINOR COMMERCIAL MATTERS. SOVIET PRESS WARNS THAT GOF'S WARMING RELATIONS WITH PRC "NOT BE AIMED AT ANY THIRD COUNTRY," NAMELY UNCLASSIFIED

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RUSSIA. HOURS BEFORE POMPIDOU DEPARTURE TASS CARRIED STATEMENT ON VISIT ACCUSING PRC OF BEING AGAINST DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT, INTENSIFYING ARMS RACE AND OF SUPPORTING NATO AND COMMART (AP WP, NYDN).

9. NYT PARIS REPORTS DIPLOMAT THERE SAY CHINA HAS BEEN PRESSING W. EUROPE STATES TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH ONE ANOTHER AND MAN THEIR DEFENSES AGAINST USSR. SUN'S ISAACS SEES POMPIDOU TRIP MARKING MILEPOST IN CHINA'S HOPES FOR ANTI-SOVIET BULWARK IN EUROPE. RANDAL (WP), IN PARIS, SUGGESTS THAT PEKING'S CONCERN WITH FRENCH GO-IT-ALONE POLICIES IN EUROPE HAS REACHED POINT WHERE CHINA WOULD LIKE STRONG EUROPEAN POLITICAL AND ESPECIALLY MILITARY UNION AND SEES NOTHING WRONG WITH A STRONG NATO. "IN OTHER WORDS, THE CHINESE HAVE FINALLY GOTTERN AROUND TO SEEING THE SAME FAULTS IN GAULLIST DEFENSE ARGUMENTS THAT FRANCE'S WESTERN ALLIES HAVE DWELLED ON FOR YEARS."

10. CHINESE OFFICIALS LEAD GROUP OF WESTERN NEWSMEN ALONG PEKING UNDERGROUND TUNNEL SHELTERS; SAY THEY

ARE READY TO MEET ANY SOVIET ATTACK AND SUGGEST
W. EUROPE SHOULD BE SIMILARLY PREPARED. LITTLE
MENTION MADE OF US (AP, SUN).

11. PAPAL ENVOYS IN 32 COUNTRIES AT ROME CONFERENCE
CONCLUDE THAT PRC IS EMERGING AS INTERNATIONAL
POWER CENTER MUCH MORE RAPIDLY THAN VATICAN ASSESSMENTS
HAD FORESEEN, AND THAT VATICAN DIPLOMATS SHOULD
STEP UP EFFORTS FOR DIALOGUE WITH PEKING (NYT'S
HOFMANN).

12. PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA LEFT PHILA MONDAY ON
FIRST LEG OF PRC CONCERT TOUR. PLANE, CARRYING
106 MUSICIANS AND OTHERS OF TRAVELING PARTY, WILL
STOP AT HONOLULU WHERE ORMANDY JOINS GROUP. FIRST
OF 7 CONCERTS IN CHINA FRIDAY NIGHT, OTHER 6 IN
PEKING AND SHANGHAI (PHINQ, WILLIAMS).

13. MATSON LINES HAS INDICATED IT WOULD WELCOME
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OPPORTUNITY TO SEND CONTAINERIZED CARGO SHIPS TO
CHINA PORTS WHENEVER US AND PRC "CAN CONCLUDE RECIPROCAL
MATTERS" AND TRADE VOLUMES WARRANT (CSM).

JAPAN

14. GATT OPENS 3-DAY TOKYO GENERAL MEETING WITH
82 COUNTRIES ATTENDING; US DELEGATION HEADED BY
TREASURY SEC. SHULTZ, INCLUDES STEIN AND EBERLE
(UPI, JOC). AP TOKYO QUOTES SHULTZ SAYING HE FINDS
JAPAN LESS CONFIDENT ABOUT ITS OIL SUPPLIES; HE
REJECTS CHARGE THAT US IS PUSHING FARM PRODUCTS
DOWN JAPAN'S THROAT TO HELP SOLVE US PROBLEM OF
OVERSEAS DEFICITS (NYDN).

15. PHINQ'S SLEVIN SEES "SPECIAL SYMBOLISM" IN
CHOICE OF TOKYO FOR GATT MEETING, FOR JAPAN IS
ONE OF GREATEST ECONOMIC POWERS, "AND NO NATION
HAS A GREATER STAKE IN EXPANDING WORLD TRADE."

16. WH ASSISTANT FLANIGAN AND OTHER US OFFICIALS
IN TOKYO APPEAL FOR CLOSE US-JAPAN COOPERATION
ON ENERGY RESOURCES AND PROPOSE CONTINUING DIALOGUE
ON ENERGY MATTERS BOTH BILATERALLY AND THROUGH
OECD (WP).

17. SEN. TALMADGE CHARGES THAT FOREIGN BUYING --
PARTICULARLY HEAVY JAPANESE PURCHASES FOR SPECULATIVE
PURPOSES -- CAUSED COTTON PRICES TO TRIPLE IN LAST

YEAR; CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE EXPORT CONTROLS ON COTTON. JAPANESE EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAYS PORTION OF 2 MILLION BALES PURCHASED BY JAPAN MIGHT BE SPECULATIVE, BUT MAINTAINS NO WAY TO BE SURE; INDICATES SOME MIGHT BE DESTINED FOR ULTIMATE SALE BY JAPANESE TRADING COMPANIES TO PRC (WP, EGAN).

THAILAND

18. FIELD MARSHAL PRAPHAS STEPS DOWN AS THAI ARMY COMMANDER IN WHAT BANGKOK SOURCES CALL "ROUTINE CHANGE," IS SUCCEDED BY GEN. KRIS SRIVARA. PRAPHAS UNCLASSIFIED

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RETAINS POSTS OF DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THAI ARMED FORCES, DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR (AP WP, PHINQ).

AUSTRALIA/NZ

19. REUTER REPORTS OPPOSITION MOUNTING IN SYDNEY AND NZ TO UPWARD REVALUATION OF AUSTRALIAN AND NZ CURRENCIES (WP, SUN).

BURMA

20. BURMA CP CHIEF THAKIN SOE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR HIGH TREASON AFTER BEING CONVICTED BY SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT ON CHARGES OF TAKING UP ARMS AGAINST GOVERNMENT. THIS IS FIRST DEATH SENTENCE HANDED DOWN FOR SUCH CRIME BY NE WIN REGIME (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

21. GLOBE'S WEINTRAUB (SEPT. 9) INTERVIEWS CHINA SCHOLARS IN BOSTON AND WASHINGTON AREAS ABOUT 10TH CP CONGRESS. TWO MAJOR CONCLUSIONS REACHED ARE THAT CP IS REASSERTING ITS CONTROL AND BRINGING LARGE NUMBERS OF NEW PEOPLE INTO PARTY RANKS. DONALD KLEIN OF TUFTS SEES PRC IN GOOD SHAPE SHOULD MAO DIE TOMORROW, WHILE BOSTON U'S OJHA EXPRESSES BELIEF THAT "THERE WILL BE A LOT OF SURPRISES" WHEN SUCCESSION WORKS ITSELF OUT. BROOKINGS' DOAK BARNETT FINDS CHOU IN "A LEADING POSITION, BUT NOT TRYING TO ASSERT PERSONAL DOMINANCE. IT IS MORE LIKE A BALANCING ACT." AND ACCORDING TO HARVARD'S FAIRBANK, US SCHOLARS WERE TOLD IN GUARDED TERMS AT DINNER BY PRCLO OFFICERS THAT CP CONGRESS IS "STRAIGHT REAFFIRMATION" OF POLICIES FOLLOWED BY MAO AND CHOU. NOTING THAT US HAS BEEN SIGNALLING CHINA OF ITS INTENTIONS BY

RECENT REDUCTIONS OF AF PERSONNEL IN THAILAND AND
TAIWAN, COLE OF FLETCHER SCHOOL SAYS AS FAR AS FOREIGN
POLICY IS CONCERNED, THIS CCP CONGRESS REAFFIRMATION
OF CHOU POLICIES COULD MEAN DEVELOPMENT FROM DETENTE
TO CAUTIOUS RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE US. KLEIN
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EXPRESSES VIEW THAT EXPANSION OF PEASANT REPRESENTATION
IN PARTY REINFORCES MAO'S EFFORT TO KEEP PARTY
DECENTRALIZED, TO KEEP TALENT OUT OF THE CAPITAL
AND IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. KLEIN OBSERVES SIMILAR
DECENTRALIZATION GOING ON IN BUREAUCRACY SINCE GPCR.
HE ASSERTS THAT IN 1966, THERE WERE 49 MAJOR
MINISTRIES NOW THERE ARE ABOUT 30, WITH MANY
FORMER MINISTRY LEADERS NOW AT WORK IN PROVINCIAL
CAPITALS.

22. ZORZA (WP) POINTS OUT THAT USSR IS WARNING
WASHINGTON TO BEWARE OF PITFALLS OF THE PEKING
RELATIONSHIP, WHILE SENDING SIMILAR MESSAGE TO PRC
WARNING OF US THREAT TO CHINA. ZORZA THINKS CHOU
EN-LAI'S LINE AT CCP CONGRESS THAT BOTH US AND USSR
WANT TO DEVOUR CHINA "SUGGESTS THAT SOMETHING HAS
GONE SERIOUSLY WRONG BETWEEN THE US AND CHINA",
AND HAK'S TIGHT-ROPE ACT IS IN DANGER. ZORZA SEES
ONE SOURCE OF TROUBLE IN PRC'S RENEWED INSISTENCE
ON LIBERATION OF TAIWAN, A DEMAND NOT COMPATIBLE
WITH COMPROMISE ON TAIWAN WORKED OUT IN SHANGHAI
COMMUNIQUE. BUT TAIWAN ISSUE IS ONLY ONE
MANIFESTATION OF PROBLEM, WHICH IS THAT CHOU NOW
DISTRUSTS US ALMOST AS MUCH AS USSR AND FEELING
DECEIVED MAY BE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF MODERATING
CHINA'S FEUD WITH USSR.

23. LAT'S SEEGER (SEPT. 8) IN MOSCOW REPORTS
THAT PRC EMBASSY THERE "IS AN ISOLATED ISLAND IN
A SEA OF DISTRUST," AND UNLIKE EVERY OTHER EMBASSY
IN MOSCOW, THERE ARE NO SOVIET CITIZEN EMPLOYEES.
DIPLOMATIC EXPERTS SENSE NEW KREMLIN DRIVE TO
ISOLATE THE PRC REGIME EVEN FURTHER FROM THE REST
OF THE SOCIALIST WORLD. PRC DIPLOMATS REACT BY
CIRCULATING MORE AMONG OTHER DIPLOMATS, MOVING
QUIETLY THROUGH COCKTAIL PARTIES, AND SHRUGGING
OFF PROPAGANDA ATTACKS WHICH, ONE CHINESE SAID,
ARE LIKE A CONCERTO. "THE MUSIC GOES UP AND DOWN.
RIGHT NOW IT IS UP." CHINESE HAVE NOT YET INVITED
US DIPLOMATS TO THEIR EMBASSY NOR HAVE CHINESE
BEEN TO OFFICIAL US FUNCTIONS, BUT BOTH OFTEN MEET
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AT FUNCTIONS SPONSORED BY THIRD COUNTRIES. FIRST BIG MOVE BY CHINESE TO END ISOLATION OCCURRED LAST YEAR WHEN THEY ATTENDED QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT UK EMBASSY; SOON AFTER, BRITISH DIPLOMATS WERE INVITED TO CHINESE EMBASSY AND BRITISH WIVES HAVE NOW BEEN RECRUITED TO TEACH ENGLISH TO THE CHINESE. IN THE YEAR SINCE, THE CHINESE HAVE IMPROVED THEIR ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH DRAMATICALLY. MOST CHINESE PROFESSIONALS SPEAK EXCELLENT RUSSIAN BUT WERE LIMITED IN THEIR FACILITY FOR EXCHANGING GOSSIP WITH STRANGERS. WHILE ALL FOREIGNERS IN MOSCOW ARE LIMITED IN MOVING AROUND THE COUNTRY AND IN MEETING SOVIET CITIZENS, CHINESE ARE BARRED FROM LEAVING THE CITY EXCEPT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. TIGHTLY DISCIPLINED, THEY EXCHANGE CAREFULLY SELECTED TIDBITS WITH OTHER DIPLOMATS, RARELY GIVING AWAY MUCH INFO ABOUT CHINA BUT DROPPING INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT THE RUSSIANS.

24. SAIKOWSKI (CSM) SEE CLOUDS HOVERING OVER US EXCHANGES WITH BOTH PRC AND USSR. WHILE PHILA. SYMPHONY PREPARES TO LEAVE FOR CONCERT TOUR, AND CHINESE GROUPS WILL VISIT US AS SCHEDULED THIS FALL, VISITS BY AMRICANS SUCH AS HARVARD SCHOLARS, SCIENTIFIC DELEGATIONS, AND "AT LEAST ONE" JOURNALIST HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT PRC REQUEST. SOME CHINA SCHOLARS SPECULATE DELAYS MAY BE DUE TO UNSETTLED POLITICAL PROBLEMS, AND FAILURE TO DEFINE VARIOUS ISSUES INCLUDING POLITICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL POLICIES.

25. LAT'S HONG KONG-BASED ELEGANT (SEPT. 9) ASSESSES 10TH CP CONGRESS EXPRESSING VIEWS GENERALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF OTHER CHINA OBSERVERS. SAYS PEKING NOW FACES IMMEDIATE AND LONG-RANGE TESTS. APPOINTMENTS TO VACANT GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY POSTS SHOULD BE MADE SOON; BUT FROM THE CENTER BY A GROUP OF ESSENTIALLY PRACTICAL MEN WHO ARE COMMITTED TO REALISTIC POLICIES, RATHER THAN IMPOSSIBLE GOALS. ON BALANCE, THE PROSPECTS FOR BOTH CHINA AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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VERY GOOD.

26. SUNDAY PARADE SUPPLEMENT'S LLOYD SHEARER

(SEPT. 9) COVERS PRESENCE OF PRC ENGINEERS, PILOTS, FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS, AND REPS OF PRC'S CAA IN SEATTLE FOR TRAINING BY BOEING. TRAINEES HOUSED IN CLOSED-OFF WING OF OLYMPIC HOTEL KEEP TO THEMSELVES, COMMUNICATE WITH NONE OF TOWNSPEOPLE, SHUN ALL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, EAT ESPECIALLY PREPARED FOOD IN THEIR OWN DINING ROOM, REFUSE TO TALK WITH ANY AMERICAN JOURNALIST. HOTEL USES MANDARIN-SPEAKING SSISTANT MANAGER FROM BANGKOK. MANY IN SEATTLE SAY THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE CHINESE TRAINEES VISIT THEIR HOMES, BUT THE VISITORS REFUSE TO SOCIALIZE. THEY WEAR WESTERN-TYPE CLOTHES AND GO SIGHTSEEING FROM TIME TO TIME. TRAINING PROGRAM FOLLOWS LAST SEPTEMBER'S SALE TO PRC BY BOEING OF TEN 707 JETS FOR 125 MILLION DOLLARS.

27. S-N'S BRADSHER (SEPT. 10) IN HONG KONG DESCRIBES AS "VERY BLAND STUFF," MOST OF PRC'S POST-10TH-CP-CONGRESS OUTPUT. BUT HE SEES SIGNS POINTING TO CONTINUING POWER STRUGGLE IN CHINA. CITES, AS EXAMPLE, RECENT NCNA ARTICLE QUOTING LIAONING MINE-WORKER AS SAYING "ONLY CHAIRMAN MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE" COULD MAKE CHINA PROSPEROUS AND FREE. "THEY DECLARED THEY WOULD NEVER ALLOW LIN PIAO AND OTHER SWINDLERS LIKE HIM TO GET AWAY WITH THEIR WILD ATTEMPT TO REINSTATE OVERTHROWN LANDLORD AND BOURGEOIS CLASSES..." BRADSHER VIEWS REFERENCE TO "SWINDLERS LIKE LIN PIAO" AS POINTING TO OTHERS STILL IN POWER. ALSO SEES POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE IN "SWINDLERS LIKE LIN PIAO" REFERENCE COMING FROM LIAONING, WHICH WAS SOURCE OF ONE OF THE FIRST OBVIOUS ATTACKS ON LIN AFTER HE FELL FROM POWER TWO YEARS AGO BUT BEFORE THE FALL WAS PUBLICLY DISCLOSED. BRADSHER SAYS RADICALS ARE EXPRESSING ATTITUDES THAT FIND READY RECEPTION AMONG PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS, IN PARTICULAR ATTITUDE THAT CHINA SHOULD NOT TRUST THE US AS MUCH AS CHOU SEEMS TO HAVE DONE IN LAST TWO YEARS.

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28. GLOBE'S CROCKER SNOW (SEPT. 8) IN TOKYO SAYS 10TH CP CONGRESS HAD CLEAR AND EXPECTED RESULT OF UPGRADING CHOU AND DOWNGRADING LIN PIAO AND HIS PLA ALLIES ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. BUT WHAT WAS NOT CLEAR WAS THE NEW PARTY LINE THAT THIS PROCESS REPRESENTS. THE REAL SURPRISE WAS ELEVATION OF WANG HUNG-WEN. SPECULATES THAT WANG REPRESENTS AN ACCEPTABLE, SEMI-RADICAL ALTERNATIVE SERVING AS CONVENIENT GO-BETWEEN FOR CHINA'S AGING LEADERS TO INDICATE TO THE NATION S YOUNG AND TALENTED "SHOW ME" TYPES THAT THE REFORMS

OF RADICALIZATION OF THE GPCR WERE NOT FOR NAUGHT.

29. LAT'S JACQUES LESLIE (SEPT. 8) IN PP CITES MILITARY OBSERVERS AS BELIEVING THAT BATTLE FOR KOMPONG CHAM IS MORE A TEST OF GOVERNMENT TROOPS' WILL TO DEFEND THEMSELVES THAN A STRUGGLE FOR STRATEGIC GROUND. SOURCES FEEL THAT KI VICTORY IN KOMPONG CHAM MIGHT DEAL SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW TO FANK WHICH, DESPITE MANY SETBACKS, HAVE NOT LOST A PROVINCIAL CAPITAL SINCE 1970. VIEWS BATTLE AS IMPORTANT IF ONLY BECAUSE BOTH SIDES SEEM TO HAVE THROWN SO MANY RESOURCES INTO THE STRUGGLE. IF FANK FALLS, PP DEFENSE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKENED.

30. MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S RUTH ADAMS (LAT, SEPT. 9) REPORTS EMERGENCE OF VALUE PARTY AS ALTERNATIVE TO NZ'S NATIONAL AND LABOR PARTIES. NEW PARTY IS BRAINCHILD OF 26-YEAR-OLD POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE, TONY BRUNT, AND ITS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY IS THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE STANDARD OF LIVING. PARTY APPEALS TO YOUNG ACTIVISTS OF THE COUNTERCULTURE AS WELL AS WHAT CRITICS CALL MIDDLE-CLASS ELITISTS. RUSH

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